

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN RECOGNITION OF STEVE MADDOX BEING NAMED THE 2019 WORLD DAIRY EXPO'S DAIRYMAN OF THE YEAR

HON. TJ COX

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 21, 2020

Mr. COX of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Steve Maddox, Sr. of RuAnn and Maddox Dairies on being named the 2019 World Dairy Expo's Dairyman of the Year.

Steve Maddox, a third-generation dairyman from Riverdale in Fresno County, knows that dairy farming is not just a career it's a way of life. A life that proudly unites generations of his family. In 1957 Steve's father, Doug Maddox started RuAnn Dairy. There Steve's love for dairy farming was kindled and when the family purchased a farm in 1980 just 10 miles off RuAnn Dairy he took on new responsibilities managing the new farm, Maddox Dairy.

Maddox Dairy has grown tremendously since then and now Steve manages the 3,200 milking cows there and his brother, Patrick Maddox, the 1,100 at RuAnn Dairy. Steve's commitment to the industry goes beyond his own dairy operation. He was one of the initial board of directors for California Dairies, Inc., and has served as board secretary for over 10 years. He was also involved with the creation of the producer owned dairy cooperative Dairy America Inc. and has sat on the board of the National Milk Producers Federation.

Additionally, through his commitment to the Dairy Industry, Steve has served as a model for genetic innovation for dairymen throughout the United States. The Maddox Dairy began as a grade commercial herd, however, through Steve's dedication to genetic advancement and through embryo transfer the herd was transitioned to 100 percent registered Holsteins. Both RuAnn and Maddox Dairies are committed to advancing genetics in the industry striving to improve not just the breed genetics of their operation but now export their dairy cattle genetics to 35 countries.

Due to the hard work and commitment of local family farmers like Steve Maddox, the 21st Congressional District is the largest dairy producing district in the country, and Fresno County is amongst the top ag producing counties in the nation. I offer my sincerest congratulations to Mr. Maddox for being named the 2019 World Dairy Expo's Dairyman of the Year and wish him continued success as he continues to lead the front of the Dairy Industry.

TRIBUTE TO MAJOR JOSEPH STORTI, UNITED STATES ARMY

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 21, 2020

Ms. KAPTUR. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Major Joseph Storti for his exemplary dedication to duty and service as an Army Congressional Fellow and Congressional Budget Liaison for the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Financial Management and Comptroller. Major Storti is transitioning from his present assignment to serve as the Director of the Army Budget's Executive Officer.

A native of Pensacola, Florida, Major Storti was commissioned as an infantry officer after completion from the Officer Candidate School at Fort Benning. He also earned a Master's degree in Legislative Affairs from the George Washington University, a Master of Business Administration from American Public University, as well as a Master of Public Administration from the University of South Florida.

Major Storti has served in a broad range of assignments during his Army career. His most recent assignment was as the Chief for Special Authorities at the Joint Special Operations Command. In this position he provided guidance and support, with a full range of special authority funding. He also served as the commander of the Financial Management Support Unit while with the command. Prior to his duty with Joint Special Operations Command, Major Storti simultaneously served as the Executive Officer for the 82nd Financial Management Support Unit and as the Commander of Alpha Detachment, 82nd Financial Management Support Unit. As an Infantry Officer, Major Storti held myriad positions, which included: mechanized infantry platoon leader, company executive officer, brigade planner, and battalion assistant operations officer.

In his capacity as an Army Congressional Fellow, I had the privilege to host Joe in my office and, subsequently, enjoyed his ongoing and diligent support during his assignment as a Congressional Budget Liaison for the U.S. Army. Major Storti worked tirelessly with Members of Congress and their staff to accurately articulate the Army's budget positions to the Appropriations Committees and track down information to assist offices pursue Army related priorities. His professionalism, energy, diligence, and commitment to the mission are refreshing and unmatched. As both a fellow and as a liaison, he effectively represented the U.S. Army and the Department of Defense to the United States Congress.

The foundation of Joe's military success is his family. He is a devoted husband to his wife, Brittany, and committed father to their children, Noah and Logan. Brittany, Noah, and Logan provide the foundation for Joe's service. The Storti's attitude of service, sacrifice, and care for others permeates every organization and activity in which they participate. They are true examples of servant leaders in the Army and the communities they engage.

Throughout his career, Major Storti has positively impacted soldiers, peers, and superiors. Our country has benefited tremendously from his extraordinary leadership, judgment, and passion. I join my colleagues today in honoring his dedication to our Nation and invaluable service to the United States Congress as an Army Congressional Liaison.

Madam Speaker, it has been a genuine pleasure to have worked with Major Joseph Storti over the last three years. On behalf of a grateful nation, this body recognizes and commends Joe for his service to our country. We wish him all the best as he continues his service in the United States Army.

GORDON CHARLES LAMPITT

HON. DONALD NORCROSS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 21, 2020

Mr. NORCROSS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Browns Mills, New Jersey resident Gordon Charles Lampitt.

Gordon Charles Lampitt was a Bronx, New York native, but has called Browns Mills home since 1958. Gordon dedicated his life to his family and his country.

Command Sergeant Major Gordon Lampitt retired with 28 years in the United States Army. He was a decorated Army Veteran and served in the Second World War, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War. He served three tours in the Second World War, three tours in the Korean War, and two tours in the Vietnam War. There were only 171,000 total service men and women who served in all three of those wars, out of the millions of American service members who served in each of them.

After Gordon retired from the United States Army his commitment to serving his country did not stop there. Gordon worked for 15 years in property management at Fort Dix. He was a member of St. Ann's Church, Browns Mills, and the Browns Mills Memorial VFW Post 6805. He was also a life member of the Bass Masters and an avid fisherman.

Gordon was a loving husband to his late wife Rose Lampitt for 71 years. Gordon was a beloved father of Margaret R. Long and husband William, Charles Lampitt and his wife Assemblywoman Pamela Lampitt, Susan L. Veres and husband Michael, Elizabeth Stelljes and husband Scott, and Phillip Lampitt and wife Christa. He was also a loving grandfather of ten and a loving great grandfather of six.

Madam Speaker, I ask you to join me in honoring Command Sergeant Major Gordon Charles Lampitt, of Browns Mills, New Jersey, for his unwavering commitment to serving our country over the course of his lifetime. His remarkable dedication to this country, exemplified by his service in three wars is the ultimate testament of his patriotism and courage.

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PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LARRY BUCSHON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 21, 2020

Mr. BUCSHON. Madam Speaker, I was unfortunately unable to attend votes on July 20, 2020, due to unavoidable personal obligations. Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 139; NAY on Roll Call No. 140; NAY on Roll Call No. 141; NAY on Roll Call No. 142; and YEA on Roll call No. 143.

RECOGNIZING CLINTON HIGH SCHOOL'S AIR FORCE ROTC FOR RECEIVING UNIT OF THE YEAR RECOGNITION FOR THE STATE OF TENNESSEE

HON. CHARLES J. "CHUCK" FLEISCHMANN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 21, 2020

Mr. FLEISCHMANN. Madam Speaker, the mission of the Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps is to develop citizens of character who are dedicated to serving their nation and community. Clinton High School AFJROTC did it in spades, and superbly.

Clinton High TN 2011-1 is in its 9th year of existence; the program consists of 107 cadets; 58 percent of the school students are on free/reduced cost lunch, and 2019 through 2020 has been a year of accolades, achievements, and superlatives. As of the coronavirus pandemic shutdown in mid-March, Clinton High TN 2011-1 had accumulated 565 Community Service Hours and 608 Leadership Development Hours. In addition, Cadets Dylan Montgomery and Dylan Butler both earned the Boy Scout Eagle award which also included extensive community service projects.

Clinton High TN 2011-1 has also displayed excellence in scholarship. Their academic team made the semi-finals for the Joint Leadership Academic Bowl for the third year in a row. Five of the top eight graduating seniors were AFJROTC cadets. Cadet Dylan Butler graduated third out of 300 and received a 4-year AFROTC scholarship to the University of Tennessee at Knoxville, the state university system's flagship school. Cadet Kaylee Puleo graduated fourth out of 300 and received an appointment to the US Military Academy at West Point. Cadet Dylan Montgomery graduated fifth out of 300 and received a 4-year scholarship to The Citadel, The Military College of South Carolina. Cadet Travis Vaughn graduated seventh out of 300 and was selected for the Nuclear Navy's submarine career track based on his GPA and ASVAP scores. Cadet Summer Sieber graduated eighth out of 300 and received a 4-year scholarship to The University of Tennessee at Knoxville's Tickle College of Engineering.

Clinton High TN 2011-1 has also shown excellence in leadership, with two cadets sitting on the Principal's Student Action Leadership Team and two cadets representing Clinton High School on the Anderson County School Board.

Clinton High TN 2011-1 also showed excellence in drill and ceremonies at the Daniel

Boone Drill Meet. They received the outstanding unit, Esprit de Corps, award, the color guard received third place, received third place in the All-Freshman Team unit inspection, and Cadet Dylan Butler came in second place for the individual knockout.

Finally, Clinton High TN 2011-1 has shown excellence in orienteering by coming in third place during the Anderson County High Orienteering Competition.

Clinton High School AFJROTC 2011-1 makes a difference. In spite of growing up in challenging economic, family, and educational backgrounds, they exemplify the Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps' mission to develop citizens of character who are dedicated to serving their nation and community; personify the Air Force Core Values of Integrity First, Service before Self, and Excellence in All We Do, and merit selection as the Air Force Association AFJROTC Unit of the Year for 2020.

IN CELEBRATION OF THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF HOLIDAY GRILL CONEY ISLAND

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 21, 2020

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to offer my heartfelt congratulations to Holiday Grill Coney Island on its twenty-fifth anniversary. This wonderful milestone is worthy of commendation and celebration.

Holiday Grill was founded in 1995 by John Mourselas. Twenty-five years later, Holiday Grill continues to be a cherished Dearborn institution that is beloved by many. Throughout the community, Holiday Grill is recognized for its delectable food, attentive and friendly staff, and welcoming ambiance that draws customers in and brings people together. Located in the heart of Dearborn, Holiday Grill has undoubtedly become a pillar of the community. Many patrons are regulars who have frequented the restaurant for decades, and even newcomers are made to feel like lifelong friends.

In the midst of the coronavirus pandemic, the twenty-fifth anniversary of Holiday Grill has given our community a reason to celebrate. Holiday Grill has provided a sense of comfort, community, and normalcy in a time of unprecedented strife. Their demonstrated commitment to serving the community is immensely appreciated and is something we all should strive to emulate.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating the twenty-fifth anniversary of Holiday Grill Coney Island in Dearborn, Michigan. Holiday Grill has been a community favorite for years, and we wish the restaurant continued success in the years ahead.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. STEVEN M. PALAZZO

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 21, 2020

Mr. PALAZZO. Madam Speaker, due to limited flight schedules from COVID-related travel

restrictions, I was not present in the House during the first vote series. Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 139, and NAY on Roll Call No. 140.

WILLIAM M. (MAC) THORNBERRY
NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021

SPEECH OF

HON. GREGORY F. MURPHY

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 20, 2020

Mr. MURPHY of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of my amendment, floor amendment 272 in en bloc two, which provides clarity to a decades-long controversy about funding for Fleet Readiness Centers. These Naval facilities on Marine bases are major national security assets for the United States. My amendment would clarify that military construction projects at FRCs, including FRC-East in my district, must be funded by the Department of the Navy rather than by the Marine Corps itself. FRCs are naval facilities that work on naval aircraft. That said, their construction projects should be paid for by the Department of the Navy. Military construction projects at FRCs have been starved for decades due to this bureaucratic confusion.

Most of the industrial buildings at FRC-East are more than 50 years old because of this uncertainty. This lack of core investment can directly degrade the long-term readiness related to Marine Corps and Naval aviation. I thank the committee for including this amendment and I urge my colleagues to support it en bloc.

HONORING LIEUTENANT GENERAL
TODD T. SEMONITE

HON. GRACE F. NAPOLITANO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 21, 2020

Mrs. NAPOLITANO. Madam Speaker, we rise today to honor an American who has made his life's work to be of service to this country. It is our pleasure to honor Lieutenant General Todd Thurston Semonite, Commanding General and 54th Chief of the United States Army Corps of Engineers, on his military retirement after three decades of service. We would like to thank him for his dedication to this nation, and his family for the personal sacrifices they have made for the betterment of our country.

Lieutenant General Semonite's many accolades, awards, and achievements are already well known. He is an engineer from the start, a graduate of the United States Military Academy at West Point and was commissioned into the United States Army Corps of Engineers upon graduation in 1979. General Semonite quickly gained recognition for his engineering skills and his leadership abilities as reflected in his various Command posts, domestic and abroad. Semonite's awards include the Distinguished Service Medal, Defense Superior Service Award, Legion of Merit, and a Bronze Star. There are many defining moments in his outstanding career. Yet it is in

his last mission that maybe the most impactful.

For the last few months, General Semonite has led the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' work to combat the COVID-19 global pandemic. The Corps has helped design or construct alternate care facilities in all 50 states and five territories, adding over 15,000 hospital beds across the country. General Semonite has said: "... of all the things I've done in my career, this is a noble calling to be able to step up and save American lives."

This extraordinary act of service is but ordinary to General Semonite. His passion and vigor for the COVID-19 Mission is the same passion and vigor he has brought to every aspect of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. He is the embodiment of "building strong." We would like to express our own thanks and appreciation and that of a grateful nation.

Madam Speaker, I ask our colleagues to join Rep. BRUCE WESTERMAN and me in giving our very best wishes to General Semonite and his wife Connie on the next chapter of an already storied life. Essayons.

HONORING THE LIFE AND UNSELFISH WORK OF A "HAPPY WARRIOR" ROY WEATHERFORD

HON. KATHY CASTOR

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 21, 2020

Ms. CASTOR of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today in admiration to honor the life and unselfish work of a "Happy Warrior" Roy Weatherford. Roy's dedication to justice, equality, peace and worker rights is worthy of recognition.

Roy's significant contributions to society are rooted in his humble background. Raised in rural Arkansas with no electricity, education was always a top value for his family. While studying at Arkansas Technical University, he not only met his partner for life, Doris, but he found his causes for life—standing up for working people and against injustice. Roy saw firsthand the injustices of the Jim Crow era and was inspired by his professors to forgo his studies in math and physics in favor of philosophy. And, when the administration fired those professors, in a scene that would be repeated often in Roy's career, Roy and his friends rallied and circulated petitions to show support for their beloved professors. Roy was not as successful as he would be later in life in this first foray challenging the powers that be, but he never quit fighting from those days forward. Roy graduated at the top of his class in 1964 and he took a fellowship at Harvard University. A year later, he joined the army as a cryptanalyst just as the war in Vietnam was escalating. While still in the Army, on assignment near the Pentagon, he and Doris were married.

Roy returned to Harvard. Always a brilliant student, his master's thesis won the Bechtel Prize in philosophy and he graduated with his doctorate in 1972. Roy decided to move to Tampa and join the faculty of the emerging University of South Florida (USF). Though he of course had other options, Roy felt that he could make a bigger impact on people's lives at a small upstart school like USF than at a more established school in the Northeast. Roy

observed that in Massachusetts and even Arkansas, community leaders typically come from families that have long been dominant. Roy said, "in Florida, anybody who's willing to work can make a difference." New England's loss was certainly Florida and Tampa's gain, and through his hard work and the differences that he made, he proved his adage.

Just two years after landing in Tampa, Roy was named the chair for the USF chapter of United Faculty Florida (UFF). A perfect fit for his energy, ability and conscience. He fought tirelessly to get more local control for unions and more resources for faculty and students. It has been said that he put a face on the faculty and made their needs real. After being elected union president in 2001, Roy worked until the union was saved. Typically, he went against the grain of the political landscape of the day, which was seeking to decertify unions. His efforts pressed those at the top to continue to recognize the faculty's right to come together. And, when bargaining began locally for the first time, Roy's astuteness, passion and commitment resulted in not only a contract but one including raises for faculty. He lobbied the state government to pass sweeping transformational laws, including Florida's exceptional Government-in-the-Sunshine law and often worked on local and state committees focused on education and workers' rights. Roy set the precedent for how USF and other university administrators work with educators, professors and organized labor. By the time of his retirement, union membership had doubled. Indeed, it has been said that many of UFF's, USF's and organized labor's successes in Florida exist because of Roy's advocacy.

As a scholar, he wrote enthusiastically and intelligibility on world peace. As a person, Roy was a loving and tireless advocate for the same. Roy and Doris protested the Vietnam War and were active in many campaigns and causes—spending countless hours marching in support of civil and women's rights. In Doris' words, he was "concerned and passionate and principled."

Madam Speaker, on behalf of my neighbors in Tampa Bay, Florida and citizens across the United States, I am proud to honor Roy Weatherford for his lifelong dedication to justice, working people and giving a voice to those who often were not allowed to have one. Roy showed us what service above self, passion, empathy, and action look like.

WILLIAM M. (MAC) THORNBERRY NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021

SPEECH OF

HON. JENNIFER WEXTON

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 20, 2020

Ms. WEXTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of en bloc No. 2 and my amendment in support of the Uyghur people.

Millions of Uyghurs and other ethnic minorities have been arbitrarily detained and forced by the Chinese government into "re-education" and forced labor camps in Xinjiang.

Under the label of "poverty alleviation," Uyghurs are being assigned to factories in and outside of Xinjiang. These factories feed global supply chains that produce electronics, textiles, shoes, food products, and even PPE.

According to a report from the Australian Strategic Policy Institute, some of the best-known brands in the world, including a number of U.S. companies, are unwittingly profiting from this scheme.

U.S. law prohibits goods made using forced labor from entering our markets. However, Xinjiang accounts for 84 percent of the cotton produced in China, and is responsible for 1 in every 5 bales of cotton produced globally. Unless proactive measures are taken to prohibit sourcing from Xinjiang, U.S. companies risk being complicit in human rights abuses.

My amendment would require DoD to create a process by which companies that sell goods in the commissary and exchange systems, that are partially or wholly manufactured from Xinjiang or with Xinjiang labor, to certify those goods were not manufactured using forced labor.

Given the overwhelming evidence of widespread and systemic forced labor in China, as confirmed by testimony from camp survivors, satellite imagery, and leaked official documents, U.S. companies that import from the region should have already taken proactive measures to audit suppliers.

For companies that haven't, under my amendment, they will be required to do so if they want to continue selling their products on our military bases. I urge my colleagues to support this important amendment.

WILLIAM M. (MAC) THORNBERRY NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021

SPEECH OF

HON. J. FRENCH HILL

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 20, 2020

Mr. HILL of Arkansas. Madam Speaker, I rise today in opposition to Division F, the Corporate Transparency Act provision, within Amendment 499 to H.R. 6395, the William M. (Mac) Thornberry National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for Fiscal Year 2021.

This amendment is part of a larger of package of amendments that the House is voting for en bloc. Many of those provisions I support. I would like to emphasize that my remarks only apply to certain provisions within Amendment 499.

Specifically, I do not support Division F of the amendment which is the text that relates to H.R. 2513 which passed the House floor on October 22, 2019. The legislation addresses how we might combat illicit finance activities through the collection of beneficial ownership information.

I did not support the legislation when it passed the House floor, and I do not support it as a provision in amendment 499. In fact, I have long advocated against this policy since I was elected to Congress over five years ago.

The collection of beneficial ownership has been debated in Congress for a long time as the ability to set up legal entities without accurate beneficial ownership information, has long represented a key vulnerability in the U.S. financial system.

Congresswoman MALONEY, the leader of the legislation, has been trying to pass a bill that would collect beneficial ownership for over a decade.

I agree that knowing where money is coming from, where it is going, and in whose hand it sits is vital to U.S. national security.

However, I cannot support the text as written as it places significant burden on small businesses. The legislation creates a new regulatory database within Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FinCEN), a law enforcement unit, which most small businesses have never even heard of. And, even more alarming, if they don't comply, they could face a penalty of up to \$10,000 and a prison sentence of up to 3 years.

This could create significant unintended consequences for a large portion of the economy's commerce.

I believe there is a better path forward, which is why I have long supported aligning tax filings with collection of beneficial ownership information—a regulation small businesses already understand.

Furthermore, it is critical to note that the beneficial ownership information is already required and is already being collected. The Customer Due Diligence (CDD) Rule, which took effect in May 2018 requires banks to identify and verify the identity of the beneficial owners of companies opening accounts.

The CDD rule is operational and effective. Why would we upend this regulation, that has been working for over two years, to place unnecessary burdens on our local dry cleaners, our farming community, or the realtor that sold you your house, or any other small business? These are the types of individuals that will have to comply FinCEN, an organization they have never heard of, if this amendment becomes law.

We should be able to find a solution to collect this information that alleviates the bank burden while not subjecting small businesses to unnecessarily complicated reporting requirements.

For these reasons, I cannot support Ms. MALONEY's amendment.

TRIBUTE TO MASTER GUNNERY SERGEANT KENNETH PINCKARD

HON. GREGORY F. MURPHY

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 21, 2020

Mr. MURPHY of North Carolina. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Master Gunnery Sergeant Kenneth Pinckard in honor of his retirement from the Marine Corps after 28 faithful and honorable years of service. He spent his career supporting strategic intelligence operations, analyzing the enemy's intentions on the homefront and abroad, thus thwarting multiple enemy attacks and saving countless civilian and military lives in between.

Master Gunnery Sergeant Pinckard, a fearless leader, played an instrumental role in the development and recruitment of Marines coming into the command. All the freedoms we enjoy today are because of these brave men and women in uniform, like Master Gunnery Sergeant Pinckard, who so unselfishly and courageously put their lives in harm's way for their fellow brothers and sisters.

Madam Speaker, please join me in honoring the retirement of this selfless Marine. I wish Master Gunnery Sergeant Pinckard and his family all the peace and blessings as they embark on this next journey together.

CONGRATULATING PRINCIPALS PATRICE BRAND AND ERIN DOTY

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 21, 2020

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, congratulations to Patrice Brand and Erin Doty on being named principals in Lexington-Richland School District Five. Together they bring over 40 years of experience to the school district for the students.

Patrice Brand has served as assistant principal of instruction at the Academy For Success since 2019. Prior to that job, she served as assistant principal at a middle school and a high school in Charlotte, N.C. She replaces Danielle Major-Murphy, who was named the new principal of Irmo Middle School.

Erin Doty previously served as the assistant principal of instruction at Irmo Middle School. She also served as assistant principal at Dutch Fork Middle School from August 2013 to June 2017. Doty replaces Justin Thomas, who was named the district's new coordinator of student information systems.

They have set the standard of excellence in their community through their work, and I wish them the best in their new positions.

WILLIAM M. (MAC) THORNBERRY NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021

SPEECH OF

HON. GWEN MOORE

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 20, 2020

Ms. MOORE. Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition to the FY 2021 National Defense Authorization Act.

Our country is going through turbulent times.

People are taking to the streets to cry out for real justice and an end to racism that pervades so many institutions in our country, not just the police or criminal justice system.

They are crying out for investments in society; in education, social services, housing, and healthcare.

Over the weekend, we lost one of our true champions for justice and equality, and a true leader a remarkable human being, Congressman John Lewis, who I was privileged to call a friend.

A deadly pandemic has killed over 140,000 Americans in nearly four months, and cases are still surging, setting new records almost daily in the last few weeks. Yet, the President continues to dissemble, disengage, and diminish the threat of this pandemic, despite the advice of our nation's public health experts and the obvious and immediate need for a credible and strong federal response and leadership.

That's what this moment is calling for . . . Leadership. Not more of the same.

But what we have here before us today folks is legislation that won't invest in a single meal for a hungry child, a vaccine for the pandemic, or help for the homeless or those about to lose their homes. Furthermore, the bill, in my opinion, is a retreat by Congress from its power to protect the power of the purse and our war powers.

I recognize and appreciate the work of Chairman SMITH and his committee on this legislation. I know that countless hours of hearings, testimony, and a long markup went into putting together this bill.

However, anyway you slice it, the Pentagon's budget has increased dramatically since September 11, 2001. The war in Afghanistan is the longest conflict in our nation's history and it shows little sign of ending, even with a supposed peace deal in hand.

I support the amendment put forward by Mr. POCAN that would cut the defense budget while still providing for our national defense. The amendment would exempt the Defense Health Programs and Military Personnel Accounts from any cuts.

We cannot continue to mindlessly push forward defense budgets that are out of line with the threats that face our nation or the needs of our country. The U.S. spends more money than any other country on our military, but can any American look around and say with a clear conscience that all that spending has produced more peace, more world stability, or better overall outcomes for Americans, or our global brothers and sisters?

All this treasure we throw at defense is not even helping the military itself, as a series of incidents over the past year has raised concerns about readiness.

In fact, we appear to be spending more and more money on defense, yet our forces are less and less prepared, and it is taking longer and more money to deploy weapons systems.

As noted by a bipartisan group of House members nearly a decade ago, "We know the United States can maintain the best fighting force in the world while also pursuing sensible defense savings. How we spend our resources is just as important as how much we spend."

Former Defense Secretary Robert Gates, who served under both Republicans and Democrats, put it succinctly: "We must come to realize that not every defense program is necessary, not every defense dollar is scared and well-spent, and that more of nearly everything is simply not sustainable" especially at a time when "the gap between the U.S. military and the rest of the world . . . will continue to be vast."

I would also have liked to support the Schakowsky amendment on Iran; unfortunately, it was not made in order. Last year, the House voted at least three times, including on the FY 2020 NDAA, about the need to prevent a needless war with Iran and to reclaim our war powers to ensure that any such decision properly remains the provenance of Congress.

I am grateful that the House Appropriations Committee recently adopted an amendment to its FY 2021 Defense Appropriations bill to stop a needless war with Iran absent formal congressional authority. But we need to take every opportunity to make clear how dangerous any ill-advised war with Iran would be. Given a President who's decision-making is as reckless as it is illinformed, this Congress must consistently push for an end to escalation and saber rattling and instead to work towards immediate diplomatic solutions. This bill is a missed opportunity, one I hope that we do not come back to regret.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE
OF HARVEY WILLIAM SEXTON**HON. JACK BERGMAN**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 21, 2020

Mr. BERGMAN. Madam Speaker, it is my honor to recognize the life of Harvey William Sexton, who passed away at the age of 87 after a lifetime of service to his fellow Americans. Through his extreme courage and selflessness, Harvey became an indispensable part of the state of Michigan.

Harvey was born on August 12, 1932. After completing 11th grade at Brethren High School, Harvey enlisted in the United States Army to fight in the Korean War. There he served with distinction in the Armored Tank Division, earning the Army Occupation Medal for Japan, Korean Service Medal, United Nations Service Medal for Korea, and four Bronze Stars—including one for Valorous Service. At 18 he was promoted to corporal, and at 20 he was honorably discharged at the rank of Sergeant. Following his military service, Harvey married his wife Marla in July of 1953. The two of them would go on to raise a family of eight children.

Harvey passed away on April 17, 2020. He is missed dearly by his family and friends, and his legacy will undoubtedly live on for generations to come. Harvey's tireless devotion to the public good touched the lives of countless Michiganders, and the impact of his work cannot be overstated.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of Michigan's First Congressional District, I ask you to join me in honoring the life of Harvey William Sexton. His legacy will forever live on in his family and through the countless lives he bettered through his service.

HONORING JOE GUNTER

HON. JIMMY PANETTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 21, 2020

Mr. PANETTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today in mourning to celebrate the life of the late Mayor of Salinas, California, Joseph David Gunter, for a lifetime of public service to both his community and our country. Mayor Gunter, a longtime resident and public servant of Salinas, passed away on June 29, 2020. It is with deep sadness that I stand here on the House floor today to honor Mayor Gunter's life and contributions.

Born into a military family in Maryland, Joe and his family eventually moved to Fort Ord, a former Army base on the central coast of California. After graduating from a local High School, Joe joined the U.S. Marine Corps and served honorably for four years during the Vietnam War. Joe's military service shaped his life and led to a lifelong career guided by a sense of duty and service to his community. Soon after returning home, Joe joined the Salinas Police Department, serving six years as a patrol officer and another twenty-six as a detective. Joe's strong leadership skills and commitment to public service led him to become Mayor of Salinas, a position in which he served for eight years.

During his time as Mayor, Joe spearheaded many projects in Salinas and throughout Monterey County. Some of these projects include development of the new Salinas Police Department and Youth Alisal Sports Fields, construction of housing for homeless and low-income residents, leading the Veteran's Day Parade, and playing a critical role in advancement of the California Central Coast Veteran's Cemetery at Fort Ord. The initiatives that Joe led will undoubtedly have a lasting impact on individual residents and the broader community for generations to come.

Joe's community service expanded far beyond his mayoral duties. He also found time to serve as the Director of Security for the Salinas Rodeo and California International Airshow, served as President and volunteer at the Salinas Women's Crisis Center, and was President and a coach of the Bobby Sox Softball League. Joe's extensive service to the community and country for more than fifty years is an inspiration to us all, and I am both proud and honored to have had the opportunity to serve alongside him.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you join me in celebrating the life of the late Mayor Joe Gunter and offering our sincere condolences to his wife, children, and grandchildren as they, alongside the community, mourn the loss of a truly special man.

WILLIAM M. (MAC) THORNBERRY
NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION
ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021

SPEECH OF

HON. JERROLD NADLER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 20, 2020

Mr. NADLER. Mr. Speaker, today, I voted against the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021. While this legislation includes several provisions that I strongly support—including prohibiting the use of funds to support the Saudi-led coalition for strikes in Yemen and limiting the President's ability to divert funds to build his wasteful border wall—it ultimately fails to rein in our nation's out of control defense spending.

Amid a global pandemic, and at a time when our nation's poverty rate is at least 25 percent, it is unconscionable that Congress is authorizing a record-breaking Pentagon budget of \$740.5 billion—over half of our discretionary budget. Multiple independent analyses have concluded that our nation's collective security would not suffer by cutting obsolete cold war weapon systems, rejecting new nuclear weapons, and ending our military's reliance on expensive private contractors. Congress must confront this reality and take meaningful action to ensure that the basic needs of American families are prioritized over wasteful military spending. That's why I'm deeply disappointed that an amendment I supported to reduce the Pentagon's budget by ten percent—while exempting military personnel and the Defense Health Program from any reduction—was defeated on the House floor.

While I oppose the wasteful spending included in this legislation, I am pleased that it authorizes a three percent military pay raise and contains provisions to protect the health of military families by cleaning so-called PFAS

forever chemicals and investing in military housing infrastructure improvements. The bill also takes important steps to improve the tracking of military child abuse cases, improve sexual assault prevention and response, and require that the DoD procure body armor that properly fits female service members. I am also pleased that the bill takes meaningful action to close the detention facility at Guantánamo Bay—an issue I have long championed—by eliminating arbitrary restrictions on the transfer of detainees from Guantánamo Bay that hindered the Obama Administration's ability to close the facility.

Although I am glad these important provisions were included, I could not and cannot support a bill that ensures our nation will provide \$550 billion more in discretionary funding for military spending than for healthcare, education, workforce development, and anti-poverty programs combined.

TRIBUTE TO LIEUTENANT COLONEL
LAURA WANG, UNITED
STATES ARMY**HON. MARCY KAPTUR**

OF OHIO

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Ms. KAPTUR. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Lieutenant Colonel Laura Wang for her exemplary dedication to duty and service as a Congressional Budget Liaison for the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Financial Management and Comptroller). Lieutenant Colonel Wang is transitioning from her present assignment for her continued service in the U.S. Army.

A native of Grosselle, Michigan, Lieutenant Colonel Wang was commissioned as a Medical Service Corps officer after her graduation from the University of Toledo, with a Bachelor of Science degree in Pharmacy Management. She has also earned a Master's degree in Legislative Affairs from the George Washington University.

Lieutenant Colonel Wang has served in a broad range of assignments during her Army career. She served in Germany from 2003 to 2007 with the 501st Combat Support Battalion as the Ambulance Platoon Leader, Medical Operations Officer, and Battalion Adjutant. She then transitioned to an assignment at Walter Reed from 2007 to 2011. During this assignment she was selected as the Alpha Company Commander for the Walter Reed Army Medical Center. Subsequently she transitioned to a comptroller, and the garrison resource manager at Walter Reed. Following this assignment, Lieutenant Colonel Wang was assigned to the Office of the Surgeon General for the United States Army, from 2011 to 2014. Here she was first assigned as a Resource Program Officer, and then worked in Congressional Relations. Upon completion of her duties, she transitioned to the U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Disease located at Fort Detrick from 2016 to 2018 where she performed duties as a comptroller. Lieutenant Colonel Wang has deployed twice to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

In 2018, Lieutenant Colonel Wang was assigned as a Congressional Budget Liaison for the U.S. Army's Assistant Secretary of the Army for Financial Management and Comptroller, managing the Army's medical portfolio.

Lieutenant Colonel Wang worked tirelessly with Members of Congress and their staffs to accurately articulate the Army's budget position to the Appropriations Committees. Her professionalism, diligence, and commitment to the mission are unmatched. Her work as a liaison very effectively represented the U.S. Army and the Department of Defense to the United States Congress.

The footing of Laura's military success is her family. She is a devoted wife to her husband, Stephen, and committed mother to her daughter Claire Yvonne. Stephen and Claire provide the foundation for Laura's service. The Wang's attitude of service, sacrifice, and care for others permeates every organization and activity in which they participate. They are true examples of servant leaders in the Army and the communities they engage.

Throughout her career, Lieutenant Colonel Wang has positively impacted soldiers, peers, and superiors. Our country has benefited tremendously from her extraordinary leadership, judgment, and passion. I join my colleagues today in honoring her dedication to our Nation and invaluable service to the United States Congress as an Army Congressional Liaison.

Madam Speaker, it has been a genuine pleasure to have worked with Lieutenant Colonel Wang. On behalf of a grateful nation, this body recognizes and commends Laura for her service to our country. We wish her all the best as she continues her service in the United States Army.

IN RECOGNITION OF JEFF
HUCKABY BEING NAMED THE
ORGANIC TRADE ASSOCIATION'S
ORGANIC FARMER OF THE YEAR

HON. TJ COX

OF CALIFORNIA

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Mr. COX of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Jeff Huckaby, President of Grimm way Farms and Cal Organic, for being named the Organic Trade Association's Organic Farmer of the Year.

A fourth-generation farmer, Jeff was born and raised in the small town of Arvin, in the southernmost tip of California's Central Valley. He first got his start with farming at the age of

11 when he would wake up at the crack of dawn to help on his grandfather's farm. He began his official career with Grimm way in 1999 and it wasn't long before he started his work with organic farming when in 2000 as farm manager, he took over all of Grimmway's organic production in California. He would later become general manager of Cal Organic Farm after its purchase by Grimmway.

Under his guidance and leadership Grimmway's Cal Organic has grown to be the largest carrot company in the world and the largest organic vegetable company in the nation. With over 65 items grown in over 45,000 acres throughout several states, Cal Organic can proudly say that 100 percent of its produce is grown in the United States. This true American company has accomplished the outstanding feats of being the largest supplier of organic vegetables to Whole Foods and Albertsons/Vons, providing most of the organic carrots sold by Walmart and Kroeger, and growing every carrot Costco sells in the U.S. and in several other countries.

Through his work Jeff has garnered a well-earned reputation for his expertise in organic farming. Many have sought his knowledge including the California Department of Food and Agriculture, The U.S. Department of Agriculture, as well as the House Agriculture Committee where he has testified about the role and importance of organic production.

I am honored to congratulate Jeff on this well-deserved recognition of his unparalleled work ethic, countless achievements, and his outstanding role in organic farming and in the agriculture industry overall.

HONORING EDDIE GALE

HON. ZOE LOFGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

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Ms. LOFGREN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a musical icon and celebrated community member, Eddie Gale, who passed away on July 10, 2020. Since making his home in San Jose in 1972, he enriched many lives through his music and community involvement.

An accomplished jazz musician and trumpeter, Eddie Gale, grew up in New York. He

was the third of five children of Edward and Daisy Stevens. His young life was filled with music, from gospel at Rose Hill Baptist Church, to his Cub Scout's marching band where he played the bugle, to his lessons with jazz legend, Kenny Dorham. In the early 1960s, Eddie Gale joined Sun Ra's Arkestra and released two Blue Note albums in 1968 and 1969. Throughout his career, he played alongside acclaimed jazz figures including John Coltrane, Cecil Taylor, Jackie McLean, Larry Young, Art Blakey, Elvin Jones, and Max Roach.

After moving to the West Coast, Eddie Gale started to focus on teaching and sharing music with local youths. He was an Artist in Residence at Stanford and San Jose State University. He also worked with Monroe Middle School, McClymonds High School, EastSide Arts Alliance, and Black Dot Artists Collective. To create spaces where music could thrive, he helped establish the Evergreen Youth Adult Jazz Society, the We're Jazzed! Youth/Adult Jazz Festival and the annual Concert for World Peace and Peace Poetry Contest.

Mr. Gale was an important part of Bay Area music culture and was known as "San Jose's Ambassador of Jazz." He was also named an Ambassador of Music, from the Association of World Citizens, San Francisco.

His dedication to sharing music was well known in the Bay Area. He received the Jefferson Award for community service in the arts and received the Sankofa Award from the California Arts Council for 25 years of service in the arts for training youth and adults in music. In the community, he coordinated the giveaway of trumpets and helped raise money for the Bay Area Jazz Musicians Self-Help Healthcare Project.

Eddie Gale made a lasting impression on our community through his music and service to others. He is survived by his wife, Georgetown, three of his siblings, his six children, 12 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren. I enjoyed the many times I was able to talk with Eddie and to enjoy his music. I join Mr. Gale's family, colleagues, and our neighbors in expressing my great sense of loss and appreciation for the 78 years he shared with us. He will be dearly missed but he leaves our community and world a better place.